GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:274
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SOUTHERN ECONOMIC UNION
SRIPRAKASH JAISWAL

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Standing Committee of Southern Zonal Council has proposed to set up a Southern Economic Union;

(b) if so, the details and proposal thereof;

(c) whether the Government propose to set up such economic unions for other zones as well;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRI HARIN PATHAK)

(a) & (b): In its meeting on 21st May 2003 at Hyderabad, the Standing Committee of the Southern Zonal Council felt the need to develop closer coordination among its member States and it mooted a proposal to constitute the Southern Economic Union to identify areas of co-operation to ensure faster growth in trade, commerce, industry, tourism and other fields of economic development in the region.

(c) to (e): There is no proposal under consideration of the G overnment to set up any economic union for any zone, including the Southern Zone.